

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title of the specification and claim 1 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Priority Document

A Claim for Priority was filed on September 10, 2004 with a certified copy of the priority documents for this application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the certified copy.

II. Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on March 26, 2004 and March 27, 2006. Applicants have not yet received from the Examiner a copy of the Forms PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the disclosed information. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the Forms PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of those forms is attached.

III. Claim Rejections

Claims 1-7 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0174561 A1 to Fukunaga et al. (Fukunaga); rejects claims 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fukunaga in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0082001 A1 to Tanaka et al. ("Tanaka"); rejects claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fukunaga in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0165800 A1 to Ogura et al. ("Ogura"); and rejects claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fukunaga in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0010229 A1 to Chen et al. ("Chen"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that the center server 102 and the image server 111 in Fukunaga correspond to the main terminal device and the sub-terminal device, respectively, claimed in the present application. The Office Action further asserts that a member corresponding to the data generating unit claimed in the present application is disclosed in Fukunaga at paragraph [0086]. Applicants respectfully disagree with these assertions.

Fukunaga discloses a data processing system in which the center server 102 must make a request for information stored in the image server 111 in order for the device to be able to display images through the center server 102 to a remote user. In contrast, claim 1 recites, among other features, a sub-terminal device which includes a data reading unit that reads the request data stored in the data storing unit when the request data is stored in the data storing unit and the data generating unit that generates the implementation data based on the request data read by reading unit. In other words, the sub-terminal device claimed in this application reads the data stored in the data storing unit in the main terminal device, using the shared data storing unit in the main terminal device as external memory storage, and acts upon the data read in the data storing device in accordance with certain functions. One advantage is that this allows the main terminal device not to be required to have a significant processing capacity, since the processing may occur in the sub-terminal device (see, e.g., page 24, line 9 - page 25, line 18).

Fukunaga only discloses that the image server 111 transmits stored images to a center server 102 in response to a specific request from the center server 102. This does not correspond to the features recited in independent claim 1.

Further, Fukunaga discloses that, although the image server generates certain display/edit images that are communicated to the center server, the display/edit images provided by the image server are not required for implementing a process or function relating to the function of the center server. In contrast, claim 1 recites, among other features, that the

sub-terminal device includes a data generating unit that generates the implementation data based on the request data read by the reading unit.

Fukunaga discloses that the center server must be able to send a communication to the image server in order to obtain information from the image server. In contrast, claim 1 recites a feature that the sub-terminal device has a data reading unit that reads the request data stored at the data storing unit. Therefore, the sub-terminal device does not need to receive a communication from the main terminal device in order to generate data or perform a function.

Similarly, Fukunaga does not disclose an invention that "enables the sub-terminal device to recognize the data storing unit as an external storage device so as to enable the sub-terminal device to be accessible to the data storing unit, as recited in claim 11. Fukunaga also does not disclose an invention that allows the sub-terminal device to generate implementation data, as further recited in claim 11. Similar features are also recited in independent claims 12, 13 and 14. In contrast, Fukunaga discloses a system or device in which the image server merely stores data, provides this data to the center server upon request, and any functions in connection with generating implementation data are performed by the center server.

Tanaka discloses a communication system capable of conveying images from an electronic camera via a cellular phone via the internet to send and receive image data. Tanaka does not disclose a system in which a sub-terminal device reads storage data in a main terminal device and generates implementation data based on the data stored in the main terminal device, as recited in the pending claims.

Further, Ogura is directed to a system in which a customer display device creates an application form for a commodity, which may then be faxed by the customer to an application form processing unit.

Finally, Chen is directed to a system for user intention modeling for web use or internet searching, and does not disclose or suggest the features claimed in the present

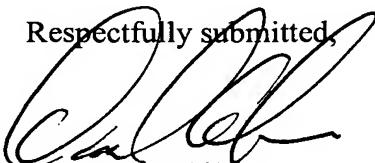
application. Therefore, each of Tanaka, Ogura and Chen, either alone or in any permissible combination, fails to overcome the deficiencies in the application of Fukunaga to the subject matter of the pending claims.

For at least the foregoing reasons, independent claims 1, 11-14 are patentably distinct from the applied art. Further, the claims depending from claim 1 are allowable for the foregoing reasons, as well as for the additional features that they recite. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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